

DROWNING CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 75th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Soldier died from injuries sustained in a PMV-4 mishap that occurred on 17 May 2015 at approximately 0300 local on Fort Sill. The 32-year-old SSG drove around barriers and entered a low water crossing when his vehicle was forced into and submerged in flood waters. The Soldier's body was recovered three days after his vehicle was discovered and recovered with the passenger door open. The cause of death was deemed drowning. [News Article](#)

More than half of flood related drownings are in vehicles according to this video provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI6mIIHKrVY>

This is the 4th Class A **Drowning** resulting in a Soldier fatality in FY15 compared to **4** for the same time frame in FY14. This PLR does not identify specific root causes of this incident as the investigation is ongoing. Further details will be available at a later date on RMIS (RMIS Login Required).

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